



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroshi KANAYAMA et al.

Serial Number: 09/423,436

Filed: November 9, 2001

For: SLIDING BEARING FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December 31, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please replace the abstract with the attached separate sheet containing the new Abstract of the Disclosure.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel Claims 3 and 8.

✓
Please amend the following claims:

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1. (Amended) A sliding bearing for supporting an opposing shaft movable in a sliding direction against said sliding bearing, characterized in that: